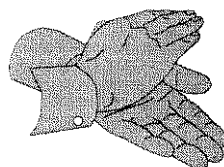


West Virginia Board of Medicine



NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OFFICERS

Sarjit Singh, M.D., a neurologist engaged in the private practice of medicine in the Upper Ohio Valley, was recently elected President of the West Virginia Board of Medicine, succeeding A. Paul Brooks, Jr., M.D., of Parkersburg. Dr. Singh was appointed to the Board of Medicine in 1992 by Governor Gaston Caperton and served as Vice President of the Board for three (3) years prior to his election as President. He is a member of the Board's Executive Committee and Management Committee and previously served as the Chair of the Malpractice Committee and a member of the Corporate Practice of Medicine Committee. Dr. Singh's "Board Member Profile" was in the NEWSLETTER Volume 2.1.

Leonard Simmons, D.P.M., a podiatrist from Fairmont, West Virginia, was elected Vice President of the West Virginia Board of Medicine, succeeding Dr. Singh. Dr. Simmons' "Board Member Profile" is found on this page of the NEWSLETTER.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

LEONARD SIMMONS, D.P.M.

Initially appointed to the Board of Medicine by Governor Jay Rockefeller, Dr. Simmons served as a member of the Board from 1982 through 1994, and was twice elected Vice President for two-year terms during his tenure on the Board. In September 1996, Governor Gaston Caperton appointed Dr. Simmons to the Board once again, and on July 13, 1998, Dr. Simmons again was elected Vice President of the Board. Currently, he is a member of the Complaint Committee and the Management and Executive Committees.

Dr. Simmons graduated with honors from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine in 1960, and after practicing podiatry in New York State for eighteen years, in 1978 moved from New York State to Fairmont, where he is engaged in the private practice of podiatry. He is a Diplomate of both the American Board of Podiatric Medical Specialties in Primary Care and the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review. He is a member of the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners and currently serves as its Vice President. He is past President of the National Federation of Podiatry Medical Boards. Dr. Simmons is a Fellow of the American College of Podiatric Medical Review and is licensed to practice podiatry in West Virginia, New York, and Ohio.

As President of the Mid-Atlantic Podiatry Region in 1994 and 1995, Dr. Simmons chaired the 1995 Mid-Atlantic Podiatry Conference. Dr. Simmons is a past President of the West Virginia Podiatric Medical Society, and a past member of the Board of Directors of Valley Community Mental Health Center in Fairmont. He is a staff member at Fairmont General Hospital, a member of the Marion County Medical Society, a reviewer of podiatry claims for the West Virginia Medical Institute, and holds a patent on a circumferential small bone cutting instrument.

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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**JULY 1998 - SEPTEMBER 1998**

ASHBY, DIANE ELIZABETH, M.D. - Rocky Gap, VA
(08/11/98)

WV License No. 17308

Board Finding: Relating to excessive use of alcohol.

Board Action: License placed in a probationary status for a three (3) year period effective August 15, 1998, with restrictions and limitations placed upon the license.

RYDLAND, DANINE ANNE, M.D. - Hedgesville, WV
(07/16/98)

WV License No. 14040

Board Finding: Failure to practice medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment recognized by a reasonable, prudent physician engaged in the same specialty as being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances.

Board Action: License SUSPENDED for a period of three (3) years or until the terms and conditions in the Order are completed, whichever is later, and such suspension was immediately STAYED, and Dr. Rydland was placed on PROBATION for the designated period, beginning August 1, 1998, at 12:01 a.m., with conditions and limitations upon her medical license.

SHAFFER, DIANE E., M.D. - Williamson, WV
(09/18/98) WV License No. 12440

Board Finding: Dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public or any member thereof; unprofessional conduct including a departure from, or failure to conform to, the standards of ethics of the medical profession or an act contrary to honesty, justice or good morals; making a deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representation in the practice of medicine; failure to perform a statutory or legal obligation placed on a licensed physician; had her license to practice medicine in another state acted against; unqualified to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia.

Board Action: License revoked effective September 22, 1998, at 11:59 p.m.

Court Action: By ORDER entered September 23, 1998, the Circuit Court of Mingo County granted Dr. Shafer's Motion for Stay pending resolution of the appeal petition filed by Dr. Shafer.

LICENSES SURRENDERED

SHUMAKER, SCOTT D., M.D. - Duncansville, PA
WV License No. 12581

Board Action: medical license surrendered to the Board effective August 27, 1998.

LICENSES REINSTATED

TAMEA, CONRAD D., JR., M.D. - Ronceverte, WV
WV License No. 12092

Board Action: medical license reinstated effective October 5, 1998.

WEDGE, RONALD W., P.A.-C. - South Charleston, WV
WV License No. 00192

Board Action: physician assistant license reinstated effective September 1, 1998.

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Upcoming Board Meeting

♦ November 9

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101 Dee Drive • Charleston, WV 25311

Effective Date of Change of Address: _____

Name of Licensee: _____

WV License No: _____ SSN: _____

() Principal Office or Work Location

() Home Address (Please check preferred mailing address)

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Original Signature of Licensee is Required

By law, you must keep this office apprised of any
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